

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Naoki SUZUKI et al. Allowed: April 14, 2009  
Art Unit: 2878  
Application No.: 10/591,872 Examiner: Don J. Williams  
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For: OPTICAL AMPLIFIER AND GAIN CONTROL METHOD

**LETTER REQUESTING INITIALED PTO/SB/08 FORM**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reviewing the above-captioned application file upon allowance, the undersigned has noted that acknowledgement was not received for the PTO/SB/08 Form filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on October 24, 2007.

Accordingly, a copy of the unacknowledged PTO/SB/08 Form is attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to return the initialed form to the undersigned as soon as possible.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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